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## FBA MEETING Monday, September 24

St. Paul's Parish House  
2430 K St, NW

**Susan W. B. Meehan**  
**Grace Lockwood**  
and  
**Brant Coopersmith**

## Enlarge Your Perspective on the District

by John Landgraf

To start our new season of Foggy Bottom Association last-Monday-of-the-month meetings we plan to enlarge our perspectives. We have invited knowledgeable representatives of our Georgetown and Dupont Circle neighbors on Monday evening, September 24, beginning at 8:00 p.m. The meeting, as usual, will be held in the Auditorium of St. Paul's Parish House, 2430 K St., N.W.

The speakers are Susan W.B. Meehan from Dupont Circle and Grace Lockwood from Georgetown. Both are active citizens, bright, articulate, and concerned members of their own areas and the Washington community.

Mrs. Meehan, a Wellesley graduate with a graduate degree from Boston University and a graduate-level study at the Foreign Service Institute also helps her husband minister to two sons and a house on Corcoran Street, where the family settled in fifteen years ago. She is an ANC Commissioner (2B05), a member-at-large of the Democratic State Committee, on the 3rd District Police Department Citizen's Board, and recently compiled and published an amazingly complete and useful *Answers: A Problem Solver's Guide to Community Resources in D.C.*, which has seen a large sale and much use. Mrs. Meehan has most recently been active in the establishment of a proposed new D.C.-wide central information telephone hot-line service; operators will have computer data banks to draw on for responses to complaints and queries; follow-up letters will be sent.

Grace Lockwood is Chairman of the Georgetown ANC (3A) and has lived in her Georgetown house on Dent Place since 1954. She graduated from Vassar and took a graduate diploma from

Harvard University in the field of landscape architecture, in which she now practices. Her public interest in the problems of change in our neighborhood to the west began as early as 1965, when she entered the long-standing controversy over the development of the old Georgetown river-front industrial area. Currently she is working particularly on the problems of hotels in residential districts, issuance of liquor licenses, weekend traffic, and crime—problems familiar to us, but with their own Georgetown twist.

Since we're only a stone's throw from the Georgetown river-front and the Rock Creek estuary in Foggy Bottom entices our Dupont Circle neighbors out for fresh air and recreation, we look forward to an exchange of views that will enlarge horizons for all of us.

Brant Coopersmith will speak on the legalized gambling initiative for 1980.

Present plans call for the October speaker to be law-firm partner Joe L. Oppenheimer, just married out after long residence on Eye Street here. Joe is an expert on estate-planning, a topic all could profitably attend to, even at our tender years, or could have when we had tender years.



Dr. Walter Deshler, our June speaker

## SQUARE 38

by Hal Davitt

Perhaps the most controversial "happening" of the summer was the ANC's involvement on Square 38 (block bounded by Washington Circle, Pennsylvania Avenue, L Street, 23rd and 24th Streets, N.W.), which has still not been resolved. In late May, the ANC submitted an application for landmark designation for the entire square. Several weeks later the ANC was requested by the contract purchaser of several properties on the Square to withdraw the landmark designation application in order to permit the demolition of several buildings and the construction of a 90 foot condominium containing 105 units on Washington Circle and 23rd Street, N.W. The request of the contract purchaser, Circle Associates, also included the intent to hold the ANC Commissioners personally liable for any financial losses incurred in the delay of the project.

A provision of the new Historic Landmark and Historic District Protection Act of 1978 protects properties for which a landmark application has been submitted by preventing the issuance of demolition or alteration permits until the Joint Committee on Landmarks has made a decision on the merits of the application.

Circle Associates and the owners of the properties to be included in the condominium project filed suit in D.C. Superior Court against the ANC, Ann Hume Loikow, a former ANC Commissioner and Karen Gordon, ANC Administrative Assistant, the District of Columbia government, the Joint Committee on Landmarks and the Department of Licenses and Permits of the District of Columbia, in order to require the issuance of the demolition permits. The plaintiffs also contended that the ANC had no legal right to file a landmark application and that the provision of the law withholding demolition permits until an application was considered was unconstitutional.

A hearing for a Temporary Restraining Order was held on July 5, 1979, before Judge Eugene Hamilton of D.C. Superior Court. The parties agreed to discontinue that hearing and proceed with a trial for a Preliminary Injunction the following week. On July 12, 1979, the hearing began in the courtroom of Judge Edward Beard and continued for 4 days when the parties agreed to meet to discuss a settlement agreement on July 19, 1979. A final settlement agreement was signed by the ANC and the plaintiffs on July 24, 1979. Under the

terms of the agreement, the developers agreed to hire Washington architect, I. Guyman Martin, of Martin and Jones, to design a building of approximately the same size and cost of the original building proposed by the developers. It would be the decision of the architect as to which buildings on the square would be retained as part of the project. If the architect chose to save at least the facades of the buildings, the ANC would agree to support the plan before the Historic Preservation Review Board which would review the plans for the project even before the buildings were to be considered for landmark designation. If the architect did not preserve the facades, the ANC agreed not to oppose the project but would not be bound to support the plan. The ANC also agreed to support any required variances or special exceptions from the Zoning Regulations before the Board of Zoning Adjustment in exchange for the preservation of all or part of the affected building.

The first presentation of the newly designed building was made to the Historic Preservation Review Board (a function of the Joint Committee on Landmarks) on August 3, 1979. The plan retained the buildings at 2311, 2313, and 2315 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., but did not include the buildings at 2301 Washington Circle, N.W. (the Lewis Hotel School), and the residential structures at 2305, 2307, and 2309 Washington Circle, N.W. Those buildings were replaced with low-rise "in-fill" development. The

remaining part of the plan was a building which was terraced to a height of 90 feet on the rear portion of the site. Members of the Review Board were uneasy about approving a building before the landmark designation hearing and chose to reconsider the building at the next meeting on August 16, 1979, following the landmark designation hearing.

The buildings on Square 38, with the exception of seven houses on L Street, N.W. were designated as Category III landmarks in the District of Columbia on August 16, 1979, following a lengthy presentation by Emily Eig of Traceries who prepared the landmark application for the ANC. A number of property owners on the square testified in opposition to the landmark designation and several property owners and residents testified in favor of the designation. Several organizations including Don't Tear It Down, the Victorian Society, the Foggy Bottom Association, and the West End Citizens Association testified or wrote in support of the designation, as did Councilmembers John Wilson, Hilda Mason, Betty Ann Kane, and Jerry Moore.

The Joint Committee on Landmarks (Historic Preservation Review Board) again felt that a number of changes should be made to the proposed building and request the architect to return on August 23, 1979. At that time, the Joint Committee agreed to support the issuance of demolition permits for the four buildings with the provision that the specific building be constructed on the site. They also retained the right to make further alterations to the massing and fenestration of the proposed building.

The developer then presented his case to the Board of Zoning Adjustment on August 29, 1979, with the ANC present to support

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## Letters

Dear Al:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and residents of St. Mary's Court, I wish to thank you and the Board and members of the Foggy Bottom Citizens Association for the incomparable joy of the night of July 30.

The reception and spirit of joyous welcome that radiated throughout the festivities will never be forgotten by anyone of us at St. Mary's Court. For days, the endless subject of conversation was the happy, hospitable time extended us by the Foggy Bottom Citizens Association.

You were a marvelous master of ceremonies, Al. Your presentation was informative and enjoyable. The organization of the entire program was a tribute to you, Mary, and everyone who worked so diligently to make St. Mary's Court residents feel welcome and at home in Foggy Bottom.

For an evening of happiest memory and incredible largesse, please accept the profound gratitude of your neighbors and friends at St. Mary's Court.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Brunton  
Administrator

St. Mary's Court Housing  
Development Corporation  
725 - 24th St., N.W.  
Washington, DC 20037

Dear Editors:

With the Fall season comes many old and new George Washington University students into our area, as neighbors and friends. For the most part this is a very mature group of young people. However, there are some rude ones who, when they play their stereos or radios loudly, keep many of their neighbors from having quiet relaxing evenings at home. We all live so close together here, that a little bit of music goes very far!

After living here so many years, I have found a simple way to work on this problem, that I would like to pass along before I move away this month. First, *carefully* locate the street address of the offensive noise. Then, call the GW Safety and Security Office at 676-6110 or 676-6111 and explain the problem to the officer, if the noise is from a University dormitory or fraternity. They should contact someone in charge at the noisy place for you. If you are patient and courteous about it, you should find that the University is also interested in good neighbor relations.

One note: please realize that the fraternities are not a formal part of the University, but that they *are* associated with it enough for communicating and working out problems.

Yours truly,  
A Neighbor  
(Name withheld)



St. Mary's Court Dedication, June 24

Dear Mrs. Wood:

Thank-you very much for the lovely article you did on us in the Foggy Bottom News. We were all quite elated and happy to know that someone would take an interest in our viable program.

Since the write-up about Grant School, we have received telephone calls from Foggy Bottom citizens. We can assume from the apparent interest that we will be able to explore and tap avenues which will prove educationally advantageous for our students.

We look forward to meeting many of our neighbors and perhaps establishing an on-going line of communication with them. For all of this, we have you to thank.

We look forward to having you become a part of our Grant School "family."

Respectfully,

Geraldine Haynes  
Principal  
Grant School  
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### ANC Meetings

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# Seen A r o u n d the Bottom



by Mary E. Healy

Back to the old grind—as they say everywhere when summer is over. I am sitting at my dining room table trying my best to concentrate on getting this first fall “Seen Around the Bottom” article written—the written Bottom is having great competition from the TV Bottoms of the Miss America Pageant. It is a good thing that I am not a man or I never would get this column written for looking at all those pretty young (oh so very young) women!

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I do hope that you had a pleasant summer. It has been a busy one for me. Al Cottrell during our June meeting announced the FBA summer vacation—it lasted about one week.

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In case you missed the WELCOME RECEPTION given by the FBA for the residents of St. Mary's Court, I'll tell you, it was a huge success. Everybody had a good time, the senior citizens, staff, official guests and all you lovely people from the community who came to help make it a very happy affair. About 300 of us (all told) were there. We came from Federal and local government, schools, hospitals, universities, churches, Congress, DC Council, Police Department, Merchants ... and just everybody that you haven't seen for a long time.

Our local merchants contributed door prizes, spirits (both liquid and spiritual), GW came forth with cheese and music, Marriott's provided some delightful staff assistance, Barbara Brunton collared dozens of people to help from the Court, as well as FBA Board Members, ANC Commissioners. If I've forgotten any group it was because it was beautifully crowded and I couldn't see them.

The residents of St. Mary's Court and their Board have expressed their sincere appreciation to everyone who helped make them feel so at home in Foggy Bottom and they have expressed their desire to get involved in our community efforts to keep Foggy Bottom such a good place to live. They have extended an invitation to all of us to come visit whenever we have time.

I publicly want to thank every one in the Bottom who helped in any way—workers (setting table, pouring wine, checking people in), socializers who helped make all that beautiful “we're having a good time” noisy chatter.

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Sadly we report that after our Reception for St. Mary's Court, Berkeley Burrell (age 60), Sr. Warden of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and President of the Founding Board for St. Mary's Court, was stricken during a meeting one evening at the Church and died shortly thereafter. Those of us who worked on the planning for St. Mary's Court will remember Mr. Burrell as a fine gentleman, one who was most appreciative of the interest and help of the FBA community in bringing his dream for pleasant housing for the elderly to reality.

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Have you ever stopped to talk with one of the DC Parking Assistants? They are a very fine group of people. The Parking Division did a good recruitment job. It is a rather lonely job; I think they would appreciate a hello or good day sometime.

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Left to right: Rev. Walter Fauntroy, Councilman John Wilson, Father John Wilbur at FBA Welcome to Residents of St. Mary's Court.

Those of you who know Marthlu Bledsoe will be pleased to know that Marthlu has been named the Non-Lawyer Member of the Law Revision Commission of the DC Government.

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Our thanks to Velma Ryan for getting the debris from the fallen tree taken away at 25th and K.

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How many of you have noticed the old-fashioned swing on the Va. Ave. side of the Watergate East (about half-way up) ... looks nice. So do the balconies where added greenery is starting to show.

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NPS and the District have done an excellent job in our neighborhood this summer with the grass, flowers, etc. Considering all the rain, and then the boiling hot weather, they have had a hard time keeping up but they have certainly tried. Our thanks for another pretty “Summer in the Parks of Foggy Bottom.”

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Now that it will be getting a little cooler it will be a short walk to Columbia Hospital for Women—they still need volunteers in many areas.

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Did you get to see Jackie Cooper's art exhibit “Whimsical World” at Georgetown University Hospital; it was a smash resulting in so much business that Jackie hardly has time to eat these days. If you missed it, “Whimsical World” will be on display at the 1979 Decorators Show House, a

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Believe it or not, GWU finally took title to the Eye Street Mall on August 2. The minute we heard about it we asked GW to “Please” clean out the weeds and other debris—which they did—and it looks much better. Al Cottrell and GW had a meeting to discuss progress—WHEN—WHEN—WHEN—on the Mall. Looks like construction and some planting will start this fall and completion will be in the spring. By the time that Mall gets finished I am going to be too old to dance that jig that I promised about four years ago! How about you?

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Something has been added: Seymour Rich of the Golden Table, is warming up the home team (the rooters, that is) before all home Redskin games with a brunch and what have you.

How many of you really look at our beautiful Metro station? I see so many people looking as if they are spaced out of the station. Look around, it is magnificent, particularly when you look up—Jackie Cooper could get a fanciful drawing out of that I'm sure. Seems as if everytime I look at it, it presents a different picture. Even though there is no natural light in the station it appears to be there changing the picture with the time of day.

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Those of you who like the bus stop shelters for the protection from the weather and for the pleasant rest area better fire off a letter to Mayor Marion Barry protesting the possibility of having them plastered all over with Advertising—then grafitti as sure as shooting. Closing these shelters in will cause a security problem; I wouldn't want to be sitting in them and not be able to see out.

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# ANC News from A to Z

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## ANC NEWS—What is happening in Foggy Bottom-West End and What Happened This Summer . . .

**Additional Police Surveillance Requested:** The ANC requested the D.C. Police to increase their presence in Foggy Bottom to discourage what appears to be an unusually large number of street-walking prostitutes present in the vicinity of 25th and Eye Street, N.W.

**Board of Zoning Adjustment:** The ANC considered a number of cases which would come before the Board of Zoning Adjustment this summer or have been appealed.

**BZA #12849:** The BZA denied a request for a variance to construct a third floor to a building at 901 26th Street, N.W. for use as an office. The BZA denied the request, and the applicant filed a motion for reconsideration.

**BZA #13051:** The ANC requested the BZA to limit the use of the premises at 1122-24 23rd Street, N.W. if it is approved. The ANC did not take a position on this application for a special exception to the Zoning Regulations by Norair Realty Company.

**Condominium Conversions/Housing:** The tenants associations in Foggy Bottom were very busy this summer . . .

Tenants of the *York Apartments* on 20th Street received notice of owner Raymond Howar's intent to sell. The tenants held an initial meeting to organize on July 5, 1979.

*Jefferson House Tenants* (922 24th Street, N.W.) are also organizing to buy their building and held a meeting on July 2, 1979.

*Bonwit Plaza* tenants (2401 H St., N.W.) are now the owners of their building and *Swarthmore* tenants (1010 25th Street, N.W.) have signed a contract to purchase their building.

**Eye Street Park:** The Eye Street Park should soon become a reality. A representative of GWU announced that only a few problems remained to be ironed out before construction will begin on the park between 23rd and 24th Street, N.W.

**Economic Development:** Southland Corporation has indicated an interest in locating a Seven-Eleven convenience store in the area of the new World Bank building at 19th and G Street, N.W.

**Historic Preservation Grants:** The ANC supported the applications of the United Church (1920 G Street, N.W.) and St. Mary's Episcopal Church (730 23rd Street, N.W.) for historic preservation grants. The United Church requested funding in order to renovate the heating system, to renovate a pair of oak doors, to repair the organ and to repair the sanctuary ceiling. St. Mary's requested a grant to repair the slate roof of the church.

**International Monetary Fund:** The IMF informed the ANC of its intent to file a request for a planned unit at 19th and H Street, N.W. (Square 120). The new building would be an addition to the existing IMF offices and would be 130 feet high with a 7.720 F.A.R. (Floor Area Ratio). The IMF also applied for a zoning change from R-5-C to C-3-b on the site, changing the potential use from residential to commercial. The IMF would provide a small underground public reading room and a public park atop the reading room for use by the community. The ANC adopted a resolution to hold a public forum to discuss the issue in the Foggy Bottom-West End community. The ANC also passed a resolution to call to the attention of the Zoning Commission the strong interest of the ANC in preserving residentially-zoned property in the ANC and in assuring that any proposed Planned Unit Developments meet all standards for significant public amenities and appropriate uses.

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**Parking Program:** Several additional blocks were included in the Residential Permit Parking Program: 500, 800 and 900 block of I Street, N.W. and the 500 block of 22nd Street, N.W.

The ANC passed a resolution at the September meeting to request the D.C. City Council to extend the 72-hour limitation on street parking to seven-day limitation in order to accommodate a person who would not normally drive during the week.

**Public Space Requests:** A large number of restaurants and bars applied for public space rentals this summer, some of which were often controversial.

**Fricky's:** The ANC approved a request for the rental of public space for a sidewalk cafe for Fricky's at 2512 L Street, N.W. The owner agreed that he would not serve patrons after midnight, that no music or entertainment be outside or amplified outside, that no canopy or other obstruction be constructed on the sidewalk and that at least 12 feet would remain between the sidewalk and the edge of the cafe. The cafe will seat a maximum of 16 at 4 tables.

**LaSorbonne:** Owners of LaSorbonne presented plans for a cafe seating 56 persons at 14 tables at 2507-09 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. The original plans showed only a six-foot passageway between the edge of the cafe and a tree on the sidewalk and several residents and Commissioners thought that distance was too narrow for people to pass comfortably. The Commissioners also believed that there was not enough room for 56 persons to be seated with adequate passageway between the tables. The owner agreed to several conditions, including a maximum of 40 persons to be seated on the sidewalk, a minimum of 12 feet to remain between the edge of the cafe and the sidewalk, and a limitation on the hours which the cafe could operate in the evening.

**DaVinci's:** The ANC considered the application of DaVinci's at a special meeting on July 17, 1979 after the owners agreed to demolish an illegally constructed platform and wall on the sidewalk. The illegal structure was demolished by July 17 and the ANC agreed to the restaurant's request for the rental of public space for a sidewalk cafe. Both residents and Commissioners agreed that the main problem with allowing an outdoor cafe at that location was the possible auto/pedestrian conflicts resulting from a high wall of planters next to the alley. That problem was solved when the ANC approved the request for public space. Among the conditions: that 12 feet remain between the planters and the curb to allow comfortable passageway on the sidewalks and that the height of the planters to be placed around the cafe would be determined by the owner of the restaurant and the ANC Chairman, on behalf of the ANC.

**River Inn:** The Alcoholic Beverage Commission voted to grant a liquor license to the Alamac, Inc., (now the River Inn) at 924 25th Street, N.W. The ANC passed a resolution at its August meeting to authorize Roger Kindler to pursue administrative appeals.

**Rules of Practice and Procedure:** The ANC submitted comments to the Zoning Commission regarding the newly adopted Rules of Practice and Procedure of that body. Among the suggestions of the ANC was the need for better notice requirements to residents of an affected area and a clarification of the role of the ANC in Zoning Commission proceedings.

**Street Lights:** Mr. Charles O'Donnell and Mr. Frank Price of the D.C. Department of Transportation attended the July meeting to demonstrate the new mercury lights being installed in Foggy Bottom in the next few months. The residents of Foggy Bottom were assured that the older, historic light poles would remain and would be installed whenever possible in new locations. The mercury lights will save approximately one-half million kilowatt hours per year, a significant energy savings to the District.

In response to the question of replacing sodium vapor lights with the new lights, Roger Lyons of GWU reiterated that the University would probably not object to the new lights if the same amount of light could be retained at all intersections for security reasons.

The ANC requested the D.C. Department of Transportation to install the new mercury lights on I Street, between 24th and 25th Streets, N.W., on an experimental basis.

**Zoning Commission Decisions:** The Zoning Commission issued two orders this summer in cases in which the ANC has taken an active part.

**Lafayette Centre Planned Unit Development:** The final order was issued for the Lafayette Centre development at 21st & L Street, N.W. (Square 100), a project the ANC has supported.

**World Bank-GWU:** The Zoning Commission has issued a final order granting a planned unit development and zone change for Square 121 (19th and G Street, N.W.). That order also allows GWU to continue the processing of the application under the revised PUD process which would eliminate review of the application by the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

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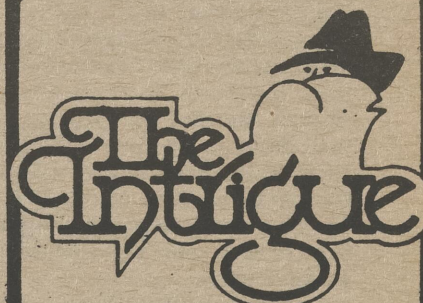
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**SEEN AROUND—Continued from Page 3**

I walked up 25th Street and down Eye between 24 and 26th the other day, leaving a few notes on the way asking neighbors to please cut down the overgrown shrubbery which is knocking our eyes out or impeding our walking on those streets. I hope my plea helps. I notice that previous notes have brought good results. This shouldn't be necessary. One knows when property (and curb cuts) are an eyesore and should consider neighbors and visitors. If you lived out in the middle of nowhere you could do as you pleased but that just isn't fair in the city. Notes and telephone calls are very time consuming for me; please help; take a look at your yard—does it need shaping up? And remember, the regulation in DC is that those shrubs, plants, etc. that you put in the curb cuts should not be over 8 inches tall and should not hang over the sidewalk or gutter. To get out of a car on some of our streets you must be a champion high jumper or hurdler!!

There is so much construction and renovation going on in our area that it is hard to keep up with it. I have to take it in small bites. As the weather gets cooler and you want to look around a bit you might try looking at the section around 24th, 25th, 26th, Pa. Ave. and M Street. It is changing fast.

I started my looksee the other day by ducking out of the rain into DaVinci's Restaurant at 25th and Pa. Ave. where I had a bowl of piping hot Stracciatella soup just like my Italian grandmother used to make—clear freshly made chicken broth with beaten eggs (yellow only) and parmesan cheese, fresh Italian bread and sweet butter. It was delicious. I ate my soup and watched the finishing touches being put on the sidewalk patio which will be finished by the time you read this—it should be very nice.

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Then I walked over to the new Westbridge Condominium Apartments at 2555 Pa. Ave. and said hello to Sondi Moore, the Resident Manager (formerly of 925 - 25th). Sondi was happily going about getting the new residents settled in. There are 156 apartments in the Westbridge, a great many are occupied now and they expect to be fully occupied by early Fall. Several of our present neighbors are moving into the Westbridge. The FBA welcomes you new residents and looks forward to seeing you at our meetings and community activities. The Westbridge has a lovely garden, which, I understand, is being considered for a landscape award. And praise is due to the National Park Service, which did its share to welcome the new residents; the park on 26th St. has been lovely this summer, with nice lawn and marigolds.

I walked on up 26th St., looked over the Westbridge Office Building, saw that Riggs Bank has a branch there, peaked in the new Italian restaurant Ponte Vecchio which I understand is quite nice but requires your check book as well as a pocket full of cash. As I walked by here I could see to the left the new Four Seasons Hotel at 28th and Pa. Ave. which has two restaurants. So long as we have money we will never starve in our area. Remember when we didn't have one good restaurant?

Down the street at 25th and M I looked over six town houses which are being restored (or rehabilitated, I never know which is correct) and one new town house being built between the Westbridge and the old houses. Across the street another office building is rapidly reaching for the sky.

I walked around Columbia Hospital to look over their construction. Work is progressing well with a minimum of disruption to the neighborhood. Better take a look now if you want to remember how the hospital looked for years and years; it won't be long before you won't remember.

Another day I took the F and G Streets walk downtown. Too many new buildings going up to

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list; many interesting sidewalk cafes and quite a few new trees being put in. While in this area I went into the Columbia Savings and Loan and had my first experience with the Chime Service System at the teller windows. It's just great. No queued up lines, everyone stands back and a first come, first served system works just beautifully. As a teller becomes free the chime goes off and a green light goes on; the first in line steps up and out quickly. Neighborhood banks please note; it would certainly help on those busy days at our banks.

Tours over; take a look at the areas mentioned.

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Those of you who know Ann and Lester Dobbs of the Federal Super Market will be pleased to know that their son, Dr. Bruce Dobbs, is being married at the end of this month to Miss Jane Cisar. Ann and Lester will fly out to the wedding, of course. Ann even went out to the wedding shower. Bruce is practicing in San Francisco.

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The motorcycles on the street in front of the World Bank are growing in number; someone is paying attention to the energy shortage.

The former Rosenblatt property at 25th and K has been cleaned up some—the pavement and outside areas; not the house—it is a mess. I wish someone would buy or rent it; looks like that is the only way it will get made presentable.

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Our compliments to the Allen Lee Hotel at 23rd and G. The Hotel was painted over the summer and it really looks nice.

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Community (and almost public service)—Robin Weir and Emery Tidd of the Intrigue Beauty Salon have opened a Salon in the St. Mary's Court for the benefit of the senior citizens of the Court. This should put some crowns in Robin and Ted's heads; this will be a non-profit business for quite a few years as all the equipment, space renovations, etc., were put in at their expense and they pay the Court a fee for the space. To help the Senior Citizens put their best head forward prices are lower than in other Salons.

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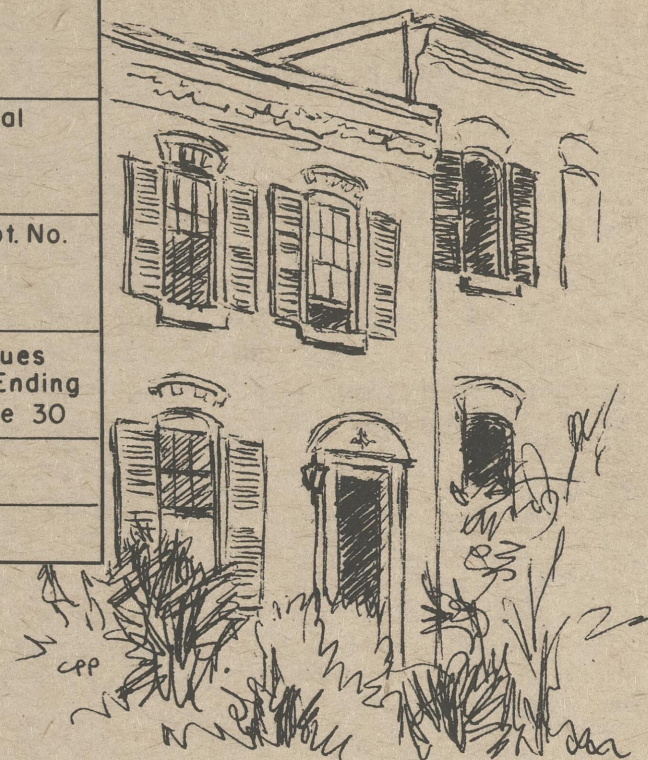
A new Foggy Bottom Association year is starting with our first meeting on September 24. Do come join us; community participation makes a difference in our efforts, energies and successes in trying to keep FB one of the best, if not the best, community in the City. Your support makes a real difference.

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See everyone Monday, Sept. 24; it will be nice seeing you again.

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## Foggy Bottom Farmer

William S. Lattin



Half a whiskey barrel has expanded my balcony garden horizon, and now a Japanese red maple tree is growing there. Not only that, a large Nicotiana (flowering tobacco), and a thick clump of lemon mint are all doing beautifully in the same half barrel. I feel sure that it's the relatively large quantity of soil that is responsible for this lush growth and the largest, healthiest plants that I've ever grown. The soil is actually deeper than in most outdoor gardens; it urges me on to think on those horizons where I catch a glimmer of the phlox and lilies in my Mother's garden, and perhaps the crepe myrtle that our Northern niece calls Southern lilac. Also I envision a possible victory in that battle over balcony floor space between all of those plants in pots and a place to sit or put a chaise.

Thinking of these new horizons, I consulted Taylor's encyclopedia of gardening and read: "Young crepe myrtle cuttings set out in the fall bloom profusely the following spring," and "Two inch long root cuttings of phlox set upright with top one-half-inch below the surface never fail to evoke surprise by the quick emergence of new green leaves." September's the time for both. Side shoots of the crepe myrtle are said to root best. The rooting area can be a shaded pot of sand kept continuously moist. Your favorite rose can be rooted the same way, provided that there is humidity control by means of a plastic bag or glass jar over the cutting; ventilate daily.

Finally I'm being drawn from my summer doldrums; the delights of "October's bright blue weather" are ahead, and I'm off to the garden store to see what bulbs and perennial roots are ready for planting. A whiskey barrel can bring unexpected pleasures.



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